IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 3, and cancel claims 4-18 without prejudice.

(Currently Amended) A semiconductor integrated circuit device comprising:

 a semiconductor substrate defining a plurality of rows, each row including areas

for a sequence of cells;

a plurality of active regions disposed in each of said rows constituting semiconductor elements of associated cells;

at least one [[a]] wiring region of <u>a</u> stripe shape elongated along a direction of <u>a</u> row, defined on said semiconductor substrate outside of said active regions in each row, and including wirings belonging to the associated cells, each wiring region having height in a direction crossing the row direction, the <u>at least one</u> wiring region having <u>a</u> locally <u>different varying</u> height.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor integrated circuit device according to claim 1, wherein [[said]] wiring regions of opposing cells in opposing rows have mutually fitting shapes.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor integrated circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the wirings include a wiring made of a connection of different wiring layers.

4-18. (Cancelled)